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1. KOREA

ROK WEDNESDAY FORMALLY RENEWED APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP (CSM, CHITRIB). RENEWAL EXPECTED AROUSE CONTROVERSY SINCE NK INSISTS ONLY UNIFIED KOREA BE ADMITTED. DIP SOURCES SAY SK MAY FAIL MUSTER REQUIRED NINE-VOTE SC MAJORITY AND EITHER PRC, OR SOVIET COULD VETO (WP). BRALEY (NYDN) NOTES SK APPLICATION LIKELY REACH SC SAME TIME AS NVN, SVN BIDS, AND IF PRC OR SOVIET VETOES ROK MEMBERSHIP, US COULD THEORETICALLY EXERCISE RARE VETO AGAINST BOTH VIETNAMS.

2. CHINA

RADIO PEKING ISSUED TYPHOON WARNING 7/30 TO COASTAL RESIDENTS, ASKING THEY LISTEN TO PROVINCIAL RADIO STATIONS (WP). UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS INFLUX SENDS OTTAWA'S REAL ESTATE PRICES ROCKETING. PRC'S 26 MEMBER MISSION HOUSED BE-

HIND WALLS OF FORMER RIVER-FRONT CONVENT, FOR WHICH THEY PAID 1,634,000 DOLS IN 1972 (GIBSON, CSM).

3. INDOCHINA

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE SPOKESMAN SAYS NOTHING HAS BEEN RESOLVED SINCE ROSEMARY CONWAY ARRESTED JUNE 4, HELD INCOMMUNICADO THOUGH NO CHARGES FILED; WARNS IMPOSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE SAFETY OF AMERICANS VISITING LAOS BECAUSE OF UNSETTLED RELATIONS BETWEEN US, PL-CONTROLLED GOVT (WSTAR 7/30; GLOBE 7/30).

IN PYONGYANG, SIHANOUK PUTS ON MINI-FESTIVAL OF CAMBODIAN FILMS FOR KIM IN SUNG, WHO THOUGHT THEM "VERY WONDERFUL" (NYT).

NVN AMB TO UN ARRIVES KENNEDY, CUTS SHORT NEWS CONFERENCE WHEN ABOUT 10 PROTESTERS FROM NATL LEAGUE FAMILIES SHOUTED AT HIM, DESPITE PRESENCE 100 WHO SALUTED VN "VICTORY AGAINST IMPERIALISM" (WP).

WP'S MICHAEL BERGER IN TOKYO REPORTS BOTH VNS WILLING ESTABLISH FULL DIP RELS WITH US, BUT MAKE CLEAR FIRST MOVE UP TO WASHINGTON. VIETS MET WITH US PEACE MOVEMENT REPS IN JAPAN FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE A-BOMBING HIROSHIMA, NAGASAKI. PRG REP SAID US MUST REALIZE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO HEALING WOUNDS OF WAR BY AIDING IN RECONSTRUCTION. BERGER ADDS AFSC REP FROM VIENTIANE ARRIVED TO DISCUSS FURTHER AID T WITH VIETS.

LABOR MP URGES HMG REJECT THIEU APPLICATION VISIT BRITAIN SINCE "DISCREDITED HEAD OF AN UNSAVORY REGIME." HOME OFFICE SAYS APPLICATION STILL BEING CONSIDERED (CHITRIB).

2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

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GLOBE'S ROSENBLOOM REPORTS 100 OUT OF 500 REFUGEES SETTLED IN MASS COLLECTING WELFARE. AT BOSTON CONFERENCE, IATF'S TAFT STRESSED HEW WILL REIMBURSE STATES FOR ASSISTANCE GIVEN; BUT MASS LT GOV UNSATISFIED WITH ASSURANCES, NOTED HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT IN STATE.

3. THAILAND

USG CHANGES MIND ABOUT EXPANDING RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR REFUGEES, NOW PREPARED TAKE ONLY ABOUT 7000 OF 50-60,000 STILL STRANDED VARIOUS PARTS ASIA. ESTIMATED 40-50,000 KHMER, VIETS, LAOTIANS, MEO TRIBESMEN PRESENTLY IN THAILAND (CHITRIB). AP IN BANGKOK REPORTS RTG SEEKS

NATIONS WILLING TAKE REFUGEES; US NOT PREPARED ACCEPT BULK, RTG SAYS CANNOT KEEP THEM, UN ONLY STARTING TACKLE PROBLEM. RTG EMBARRASSED BY REFUGEES SINCE ANXIOUS FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH COMMUNIST-DOMINATED NEIGHBORS; BUT OBSERVERS DO NOT BELIEVE THAIS WILL FORCE REFUGEES RETURN ACROSS FRONTIERS.

4. PHILIPPINES

DEFENSE SECY SAYS COMMUNIST, MOSLEM INSURGENCIES HAVE SIMMERED DOWN AND INTERNAL SITUATION MUCH IMPROVED. NOTES UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF ARMS LANDING AFTER INDOCHINA FALL; ADDS ARMED FORCES HAD NOT ENCOUNTERED FRESHLY-INTRODUCED WEAPONS (NYT).

5. JAPAN

JOC (TOKYO) NOTES MOT CONCERN ABOUT ADMIN FAILURE APPOINT NEW FMC CHAIRMAN TO SUCCEED HELEN BENTLEY, WHO RESIGNED IN JUNE. MOT SOURCES SAY FMC VACANCY HOLDING UP DISCUSSION OF PENDING MARITIME PROBLEMS, INCLUDING SPACE CHARTER AGREEMENT DUE EXPIRE AUGUST.

DEP PM TAKEO FUKUDA WEDNESDAY PROMISED BUSINESS LEADERS GOJ INTENDS INCLUDE EXPANSIONARY MEASURES IN SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET EPXECTED BE ENACTED EARLY THIS FALL. ECONOMISTS CITE FALLING DOMESTIC DEMAND, UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPORT DECLINE TO DISCOUNT DANGER EXPANSION WOULD REKINDLE INFLATION (JOC, TOKYO).

JOC (TOKYO) NOTES ECONOMIC COUNCIL, ADVISORY ORGAN TO PM, WEDNESDAY BEGAN DRAFTING NEW FIVE YEAR ECONOMIC PROGRAM BASED ON PREMISE GROWTH RATE WOULD AVERAGE LESS THAN 7 PERCENT THROUGH JFY 80. PRELIMIN/RY STUDIES SHOW JAPAN CONCERNED ABOUT STABLE SUPPLIES OF FOOD, OIL, COAL. COUNCIL SEEKS DRAFT PROGRAM FOR STABLE GROWTH, REDUCING INFLATION TO ABOUT 5-6 PERCENT AND PROVIDING FULL EMPLOYMENT AT LOWER LEVEL OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY. EXPECTS COMPLETE NEW PROGRAM IN TIME FOR USE IN COMPILING FJY 76 BUDGET.

EDELSON (NYDN) CITES U CALIF RESEARCH STUDY THAT SHOWS STRESS-FILLED US WAY OF LIFE MAY BE RELATED HEART DISEASE. STUDY OF 3,809 MEN OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY LIVING IN SAN FRANCISCO AREA SHOWED HEART ATTACK RATE AMONG THOSE WHO ADOPTED US LIFE STYLE TWO-AND-HALF TIMES HIGHER THAN THOSE WHO FOLLOWED TRADITIONAL JAPANESE WAYS. STUDY SUGGESTS MORE STABLE JAPANESE SOCIAL STRUCTURE LESSENS STRESS.

HITACHI SAID AGREED PROVIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF SINGAPORE THREE STEAM TURBINE GENERATORS VALUED AT 229 MILLION DOLS, EACH CAPABLE OF PRODUCING 250,000 KW (WSJ, TOKYO).

6. DIEGO GARCIA

DOS REPORTED READY TO DISCUSS "MUTUAL LIMITATION" WITH SOVIETS OVER SUPERPOWERS' INDIAN OCEAN PRESENCE, WITH AUSTRALIANS IN PARTICULAR URGING TALKS. US INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS SAY SOVIETS NOT INTERESTED AT PRESENT, BEING MORE CONCERNED WITH ENLARGING PRESENCE THERE BY MOVING NAVAL CRAFT THROUGH SUEZ CANAL (SCHMIDT, CSM).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. INDOCHINA

LONDON OBSERVER'S KELLY (WP) AT VIENTIANE NOTES RESIDENTS WATCHING "LIBERATION" PROCESS, WHICH FOR MOST PART PEACE-UNCLASSIFIED

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FUL. CITY UNHURRIED, WAS KIND TO STRANGERS, HOSPITABLE TO REFUGEES; NOW PL FROWN ON FOREIGN INFLUENCES, LOOK WITH AMAZEMENT AT WESTERN HIPPIES. NOTES BARS, NIGHTCLUBS CLOSED, BUT OPIUM DENS STILL OPEN. COMMUNISTS HAVE USED POWER SPARINGLY, EXCEPT IN RELATIONS WITH US; BUT COUNTRY BANKRUPT, NEEDS FRIENDS, ALL AID IT CAN GET. CONCLUDES REVOLUTION, DRASTIC CHANGES IT WILL BRING, DO NOT APPEAL TO PEOPLE, WITH AT LEAST 20,000 HAVING FLED IN PAST FEW MONTHS TO THAILAND (USIA READING FILE).

8. DIEGO GARCIA

ASST SEC ELLSWORTH (WP) REFUTES BLECHMAN OPINION (WP 7/20) THAT DIEGO GARCIA'S COSTS OUTWEIGH GAINS. SEES BASE NECESSARY TO PROTECT MARITIME TRADE ROUTES, INCREASINGLY MORE VULNERABLE SINCE SOVIET'S URGENT NEED FOR OIL NOW PAIRED WITH SOMALI BASE. STATES "MODEST US FACILITY AT DIEGO GARCIA" WILL HAVE STABILIZING IMPACT IN INDIAN OCEAN.

9. KOREA

HARRIS POLL TAKEN EARLY JULY SHOWS AMERICANS BY 52-32 PCT MAJORITY OPPOSE USE TACTICAL NUKES TO HALT NK ATTACK ON SK, EVEN IF THIS "ONLY WAR" SHORTEN WAR, PREVENT ANOTHER VIETNAM. HARRIS SUGGESTS SEC DEF STATEMENT US WOULD CONSIDER USE TACTICAL NUKES IN KOREA CAUSED SOME EROSION OF PUBLIC SUPPORT OF US DEFENSE COMMITMENT TO ROK. PLURALITY (46-39 PERCENT) NOW OPPOSES SENDING US TROOPS TO DEFEND SK IF ATTACKED, WHICH REPRESENTS TURNAROUND SINCE MAY WHEN PLURALITY (43-37 PERCENT) FAVORED SENDING US TROOPS DEFEND SK (HITTRIB). INGERSOLL

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